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REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

Changes are made to the specification to improve readability and to correct grammatical errors. None of these changes are related to the patentability of Applicant's invention.

Examiner objected to claims 1-11 because of the certain informalities. Claims have been amended to incorporate Examiner's suggestions.

Examiner rejected claim 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by James. Claims 1 and 2 are hereby cancelled.

Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over James. Claim 4 is hereby cancelled.

Examiner stated "claims 3, 5 and 6 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Claim 3 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 5 and 6, which are dependent on claim 3 directly or indirectly, are now in condition for allowance.

Examiner stated claims 7-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. Claims 7-11 are rewritten to overcome the objections.

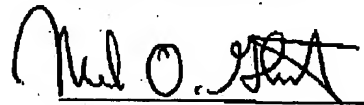
In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections are requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

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